

NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Block Island School

May 21, 2007

7:00 P.M.

The New Shoreham School Committee met in open session on Monday, May 21, 2007, in the media center of the Block Island School.

Chair William Padien called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. The following members were present: Shea Butcher, Annie Hall, Sean McGarry, William Padien, and Richard Tretheway. Leslie Ryan was also present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion (Hall, Padien) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 9, 2007, as presented carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Hall, Padien) to approve the executive session minutes of the meeting held of April 9, 2007, as presented carried with a vote of 5-0.

Reports

Nancy Cole reviewed the fiscal reports through March 31 and April 30, 2007, stating that we are in good shape as long as there are no surprises over the next six weeks. A motion (Padien, Butcher) to approve the fiscal reports through March 31 and April 30, 2007,

carried with a vote of 5-0.

Annie Hall asked if another committee member would be willing to join her to work with the police department to foster constructive activities for the kids. Richard Tretheway agreed to join her on the task force.

Sean McGarry attended RIASC's annual meeting on May 13, which primarily spoke about energy efficiency/savings. He has information he is willing to share with any interested committee members. State funding issues, uniform chart of accounts, and the governor's request for mandatory participation in statewide procurements for bus contracts, vendor for lunch programs, and purchasing supplies were also discussed. He also stated that he was awarded a certificate from the Board of Regents for successfully completing the leadership development training.

William Padien reported on the following addition/renovation project items:

- He inspected the roof with representatives from Roofing Concepts, which will repair a section larger than originally identified when school is over for the summer. It was stated that the rubber roof has about two years left before it will need to be replaced. He also mentioned that the green roof above the new gym had some areas of concern. There are scratches, which are down to the under paint, that should be added to the punch list.**

- **A-1 Sheet Metal will be out to install the dust collector in June.**
- **A message was left for Joe Sprague asking him to finish the sidewalk, install the basketball stanchions, and to pour a concrete pad outside the tech ed room. He has also been asked to work on the drainage situation, which would entail cutting of the drains that feed into the Faulkner property and redirecting the water to the infiltrator. In addition, a catch basin is need by the playground. The drainage problem has to be addressed before the brick project can go forward.**
- **Howell Conant has finished the electrical work except for hooking up the dust collecting system.**
- **Punch list items have been sent to H.V. Collins Company.**

Executive Session

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 7:48 P.M. to go into executive session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-4, 5(a) for a discussion of possible litigation carried with a vote of 5-0. Town Manager Nancy Dodge was invited into the executive session.

Open Session

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 7:55 P.M. to return to open session carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to seal the minutes of the executive session carried with a vote of 5-0.

Reports

Matthew Moran reported that after discussions with coaches and secondary faculty members several changes were proposed for the athletic participation policy, including students who are academically ineligible would be allowed to practice with the team, but not play in any games or travel and eligibility for participation in fall sports would be determined by final grades instead of fourth quarter grades.

Mr. Moran, in showing that a precedence had been set for paying a coach both stipends when one position wasn't filled, had purchase orders showing that Rob Closter was paid both stipends in 2005 for junior high baseball. School Committee members requested the minutes showing a motion to approve that practice. The School Committee also requested that Mr. Moran report on the status of the soccer coaching staff at the August meeting.

Marlee Lacoste reported on the following:

- Twelve students are expected in next year's kindergarten and the screenings and visitations went well.**
- The third quarter ended on April 6 and report cards were sent home on April 12.**
- On April 23-24 students in grades 9 and 10 participated in the BICEP sponsored Project Adventure at Springfield College.**
- On April 27 BISF and BICEP sponsored an interactive drumming program for students in grades K-7.**
- On April 27 Block Island Gardeners presented each elementary and middle grade student with a red oak seedling for Arbor Day.**

- On May 2-3 grade 6 went to Cambridge, MA and on May 17-18 participated in the Roots and Wings program.
- On May 7 Joanne Warfel hand delivered the required four copies of the Commissioner's Review. This report documents how Block Island School is meeting the requirements set forth by RIDE on Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements.
- On May 11 selected students in grades 7-12 participated in needs assessment focus groups for BICEP.
- On May 11 BISF sponsored a visit by Brian Lies, author of Bats on the Beach, for students in grades K-8
- On May 14-16 grade 5 went to an Appalachian Mountain Club environmental program in New Hampshire.
- On May 15 John Warfel's ceramics classes and the National Honor Society hosted a Chili Fest to raise money for the ceramics program and the Mary D Fund.
- On May 15 and 16 students in grades 4, 8, and 11 took the NECAP pilot science tests. Next year these tests will be part of the yearly state assessments.
- On May 17 members of the National Honor Society held a "Homeless Night" at Esta's Park. They raised over \$600 for Sojourner House.
- Matthew Moran was the chaperon for several of our students attending the junior prom at Narragansett. Our students have been invited to attend other dances throughout the school year.
- On May 21 grade 2 went to Alton Jones.

Mrs. Ryan reported that she attended the senior class's performance

of The Breakfast Club, which deals with some of the difficult issues that kids face. Kudos to Mrs. Greenaway and her students.

Mrs. Ryan stated that a high school assembly was held to discuss safety and security issues and the difficulties some kids have faced regarding their behavior in the community. It was a one sided discussion, but a good first attempt to reach some of the students. Out of the discussion was a request for a suggestion box, which has been installed outside the superintendent's office.

Several staff members put in a large amount of time compiling information on the five proficiency based graduation requirements for RIDE. A draft policy was included and addresses what a student will need to accomplish before being awarded a diploma. The policy has been sent to Attorney Meyers for her review and will be addressed later this evening.

Dr. Irving will be coming to Block Island tomorrow afternoon and visiting the school on Wednesday.

SORICO superintendents will be visiting Block Island on June 8. Mrs. Ryan has asked two students to conduct tours of the building. This is a chance for Block Island to show off so the other superintendents can see the wonderful things that have been accomplished here.

Old Business

Pursuant to School Committee Bylaws, policies require action by a majority of the School Committee at two successive regular meetings or a unanimous vote of all five members at a regular meeting. Policy HJ: Professional Staff Hiring was presented for a second vote. A motion (McGarry, Padien) to approve Policy HJ: Professional Staff Hiring as written carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to approve Policy IAA: High School Tardy as written carried with a vote of 5-0.

New Business

A motion (Padien, Hall) to post Policy FBF-1: High School Proficiency Based Graduation for the required 30-day period carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to post Policy HC: Athletic Compensation for the required 30-day period carried with a vote of 5-0.

Recreation Director Rob Closter requested that the facility use fees for five Recreation Department programs being offered this summer be waived. A motion (Padien, Butcher) to waive the fee for Camp Mohegan's use of the gym and cafeteria from 8:45 A.M. to 12:45 P.M., Mondays – Fridays, June 25 through August 17, 2007, carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to waive the fees for the use of the

gymnasium for the summer youth basketball league held on Wednesdays from June 27 through August 15 from 5:00-7:00 P.M. carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, McGarry) to not waive the fee for the use of the gymnasium for the summer adult basketball league held on Wednesday evenings from June 27 through August 15 from 7:00-9:00 P.M. was defeated with a vote of 2-3, with Shea Butcher, Annie Hall, and Richard Tretheway voting in the negative.

A motion (Tretheway, Butcher) to waive the fee for the use of the gymnasium for the summer adult basketball league held on Wednesday evenings from June 27 through August 15 from 7:00-9:00 P.M. carried with a vote of 3-2, with Sean McGarry and William Padien voting in the negative.

A motion (McGarry, Butcher) to waive the fee for the use of the field for lacrosse camp on July 1-3, 2007, carried with a vote of 5-0. It was noted for the record that the Recreation Department will foot the bill for repairs if any damage is done to the building (i.e. broken windows) during their programs.

A motion (Padien, Tretheway) to waive the fee for the use of the field for soccer camp on July 16-20, 2007, carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Hall, Tretheway) to waive the fee for the use of the

gymnasium for gymnastics camp on August 13-17, 2007, carried with a vote of 3-2, with William Padien and Sean McGarry voting in the negative.

Although the facility use fees were waived it was requested that a record of the Recreation Department's actual use of the building be kept on a monthly basis. Both the town and school department would like to know how these summer and after school programs affect the utilities during the year.

A motion (Hall, Tretheway) to accept with regret David Stephenson's resignation as guidance counselor at the end of the 2006-07 school year carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Butcher) to consent to the appointment of Judith O'Keefe Durden as the third grade teacher for the 2007-2008 school year only while Brandon Pineo is on a leave of absence carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Hall, Padien) to consent to the appointment of Alexander Chapman as the assistant soccer coach for the grades 7-9 team retroactive to the 2006 season carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Tretheway) to consent to the appointment of John Breunig as the assistant soccer coach for the varsity team retroactive to the 2006 season carried with a vote of 5-0.

Calendar of Events

A calendar of events for the months of May and June was submitted for School Committee information. Monday, June 4 was chosen as the date for the dinner with the senior class.

Correspondence

Various pieces of correspondence were forwarded for School Committee information.

Executive Session

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 9:15 P.M. to go into executive session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-4, 5(a)(1) for a discussion of job performance and pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-4, 5(a)(2) for contract negotiations carried with a vote of 5-0.

Open Session

A motion at (Padien, Hall) at 10:21 P.M. to return to open session carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Tretheway) to seal the executive session minutes carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Butcher) to formally appoint Leslie Ryan as the permanent part-time superintendent and to offer her a three-year

contract at \$84,000 for 196 working days during the 2007-08 fiscal year carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (McGarry, Butcher) to authorize the School Committee Chair to initial and agree to the negotiations with the NSTA as stipulated to this point carried with a vote of 5-0.

Personnel – Re-appointments/2007-08 Salaries

A motion (Padien, Hall) to reappoint the following employees for the 2007-08 fiscal year at the wages stated carried with a vote of 5-0.

- Pamela Buol (Teacher Assistant) – \$17.70 per hour for the 2007-08 fiscal year.**
- Nancy Cole (Fiscal Clerk) – \$21.41 per hour for the 2007-08 fiscal year.**
- Amy Couet (Custodian/FS Helper) – \$12.88 per hour for the 2007-08 fiscal year.**
- Matthew Coviello (Custodian) – \$15.71 per hour for the 2007-08 fiscal year.**
- Lynne Cunningham (Office Manager) – \$18.13 per hour for the 2007-08 fiscal year.**
- Amy Dugan (Teacher Assistant) – \$14.39 per hour for the 2007-08 fiscal year.**
- Greta Heinz (Teacher Assistant) – \$14.92 per hour for the 2007-08 fiscal year.**
- Bernice Johnson (Part-time Custodian) – \$14.12 per hour for the 2007-08 fiscal year.**

- **Toni Lemoine (Teacher Assistant) – \$17.66 per hour for the 2007-08 fiscal year.**
- **Kathleen Mello (Teacher Assistant) – \$15.45 per hour for the 2007-08 fiscal year.**
- **Kathryn Ritter-Smith (Admin Assistant) – \$18.45 per hour for the 2007-08 fiscal year.**
- **Kelly Robertson (Food Service Director) – \$17.70 per hour for the 2007-08 fiscal year.**
- **Victoria Carson (Part-time Custodian) – \$12.36 per hour for the 2007-08 fiscal year.**
- **Jill Closter (Part-time Teacher Assistant) – \$13.91 per hour for the 2007-08 fiscal year.**
- **Katherine Dietz (Part-time Teacher Assistant) – \$14.39 per hour for the 2007-08 fiscal year.**

A motion (Padien, Butcher) to reappoint Scott Comings as an educational consultant for the 2007-08 school year and to increase his wage to \$34.42 per class period for one period per day carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to reappoint Marsha Gutierrez (Administrative Assistant) and approve a five percent increase in salary for the 2007-08 fiscal year (\$56,936.25 plus longevity), which is based on the yearly evaluation as stipulated in her personal services contract, carried with a vote of 4-1, with Sean McGarry voting in the negative.

Adjournment

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 10:30 P.M. to adjourn carried with a vote of 5-0.

Marsha L. Gutierrez, Clerk

Approved: June 11, 2007